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The FIG MTC has made the following interpretations and clarifications regarding the 2017 MAG Code of Points at their recent meeting in June 2017. The information below responds to frequently asked questions during judges' courses and is separated into two distinct sections, Code of Points clarifications as well as the addition of new elements successfully performed since the last edition of the CoP. An updated CoP in all official languages will be available in September.

I. Clarifications to 2017-2020 Code of Points

Information about E-jury Deductions

During landings a small step is defined as a maximum of 'one foot' distance between the feet or distance of the hop. Any greater distance than this would be a large step or hop and attract a medium deduction, as presented as part of questions from the courses.

Floor Exercise

The full floor area must be used. The gymnast must go to and/or from each corner. If the final tumbling pass takes the gymnast towards an unused corner this fulfils the requirement for this corner being utilised.

If a gymnast completes two or more elements for connection bonus and receives a large deduction for an uncontrolled landing or jumping immediately to prone, then no connection bonus will be awarded between the elements where one received a large deduction.

Elements I.44 Endo roll to handstand (2 s.) and I.45 Endo roll piked to handstand (2 s.), (also final phase with straddle legs) does not need to come from handstand to be recognised.

Pommel Horse

If a gymnast performs a Wu Guonian (III.83) and continues with a 180° Russian on the end, he will receive E+A. The words "or more turning" refers to turns within the travel. When the gymnast reaches the far end of the PH with both hands, the Travel is deemed to be complete, and the gymnast might add any listed elements in the CoP (Rus180, Rus360, etc).

Element II.51, Reverse Stöckli or DSA strad. through hdst. and lower to sup. w. strad. legs or circle. The words "or circle" is to be removed as this upgrades the element to a D value (text correction to the CoP, also avoids conflict with upgrade rules for handstands).

Simplified text regarding falls: all listed elements in EGII and EGIII, except elements through handstand and lower to support with straddle legs, require a listed CoP element afterwards for value. If a fall occurs, no partial difficulty can be awarded. In the case of a fall after starting the subsequent element, the previous element will receive credit.

Rings

Special repetitions: Basic support positions, i.e. L sit and V sit are not included in the special repetition rule as they are deemed to be different strength elements, as presented in the courses. Therefore, a gymnast can perform uprise forward to L sit and uprise forward to V sit. They would not, however, be able to perform more than one final strength position in each element group, i.e. Kip to L sit and uprise to L sit would not be possible.



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Preceding strength hold with high angle – press to strength. There is a maximum of 0.3 deduction applicable to this error, (Art 9.2.10). The table in Art 9.4 will be amended to clarify deductions equivalent to those for the hold position are repeated for a maximum of 0.3.

Roll forward from support to hang (Element I.7); this element will also be recognised from any support scale and swallow position.

Strength presses: i.e. Cross press to swallow, the shoulders should not rise above the final hold position. Make the following text edit to Art. 9.2.13 of the CoP, “On Rings, during movements to a hold position, the shoulders may not rise above the final hold position.”

One swing to handstand element (2 sec. hold) is required in the exercise and must be inside the 10 counting elements. The text “and inside the 8 counting elements for Juniors” will be added.

Art 12.2.2.2. For greater clarity: all elements performed from EGII or EGIII contribute to this rule whether they are inside the counting ten elements or not, even if the element is not recognised due to poor technical execution.

Element III 107 Balandin 1 and 3, description will be corrected to that of the original Newsletter. Text should be: “From hang vertical pull up with straight arms to swallow or through swallow to support scale (2 s.)”

Vault

To correct the value of four Vaults listed with incorrect values in the MAG CoP.

Effective date: 01 February 2018 (6 months notice, EC approved)

Vault 110 (Kroll), Vault 230 (Barbieri) and Vault 342 Yurchenko t. with 2/1 t. have incorrect values and should be lowered in accordance with principles applied to all other Vaults, change from 4.0 to 3.6.

Vault 111 (Canbas) has an incorrect value and should be lowered in accordance with principles applied to all other Vaults, change from 4.4 to 4.0.

Parallel Bars

Special repetitions. Elements with saltos: an exercise cannot include more than one variation of the same element. For clarification, the following elements collectively are included III.47, III.58, III.59, and III.65 in this rule.

Performance expectation of Bhavsar (Element III.5) This element should be performed to regrasp with an open shoulder angle and straight body at horizontal. If the gymnast regrasps with a body position of more than 45° from horizontal and/or a 90° angle in the shoulder, no value will be given and a single large deduction will be taken.

Healy to upper arm (Element I.68) will also include the text “from handstand on one rail” and for Element I.69 the text “following a swing element (min. B) to handstand on 1 rail, Healy to upper arm hang” is the correct full text. This will ensure continuity between the text of all Healy elements.

Horizontal Bar

Art 15.2.2 – 6b. Current text - Elements with turns: an exercise cannot include more than one grip variation of the same element. The second executed one in chronological order is considered as repetition.



Art 15.2.2 – 6b. New text - Elements with turns: an exercise cannot include more than one grip variation of the same element. In this case the elements with the highest difficulty value will be counted as presented in the courses and consistent with the Special Repetition rules of the other apparatus.

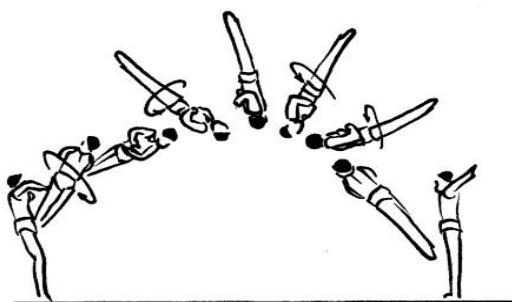
Note: The contents of the Frequently Asked Questions' document (FAQ), published on 20th November 2016, remain relevant, and where appropriate, will be added to the updated CoP.

II. New Elements performed without large error since the last edition of the Code of Points.

FLOOR EXERCISE

GOSHIMA Takahiro (JPN)

- Salto forward stretched with 7/2 twists.
- G value (Element II.48)
- Performed for value in the Apparatus Finals of the 2017 DTB-Pokal Team Challenge in Stuttgart (GER).
- Name awarded: **GOSHIMA**



ZAPATA Rayderley (ESP)

- Double salto forward tucked with 3/2 twists.
- G value (Element II.60)
- Performed for value in the Qualifications of the 2016 Apparatus World Cup in Cottbus (GER).
- Name awarded: **ZAPATA**

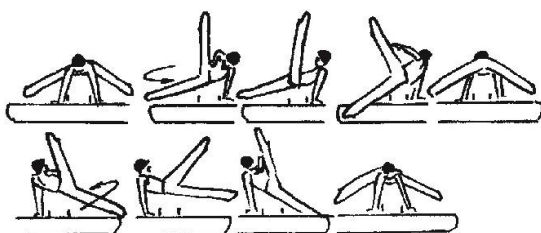




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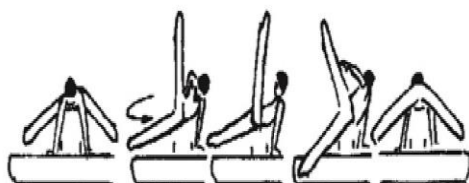
KEIKHA Saeedreza (IRI)

- Side support, 1/1 spindle with both pommels between the hands (flair or circle).
- F value (Element II.30), already listed in the Code of Points, but performed for the 1st time
- Performed for value in the Qualifications of the 2017 Apparatus World Cup in Baku (AZE).
- Name awarded: **KEIKHA**



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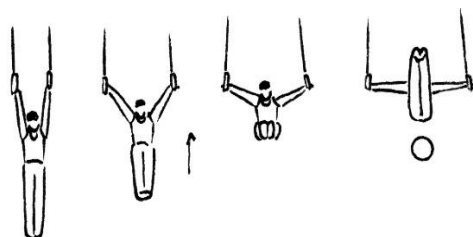
- Side support, ½ spindle with both pommels between the hands (flair or circle).
- C value (Element II.27)
- Performed for value in the Qualifications of the 2017 Islamic Solidarity Games 2017 in Baku (AZE).
- Name awarded: **KEIKHA 2**



RINGS

COLAK Ibrahim (TUR)

- Vertical pull up with straight arms to V cross (2secs).
- E value (Element II.23)
- Performed for value in the Qualifications of the 2016 Apparatus World Cup in Melbourne (AUS).
- Name awarded: **COLAK**





WHITTENBURG Donnell (USA)

- Triple salto backwards piked dismount.
 - H value (Element IV.42)
 - Performed for value in the Apparatus Finals of the 2017 World Challenge Cup in Koper (SLO)
- Name awarded: **WHITTENBURG**



VAULT

SHIRAI Kenzo (JPN)

- Scherbo with 2/1 twist.
- 5.4 value (Element V.574) already listed in Code of Points, but performed for 1st time
- Performed for value in the Qualifications of the 2016 Apparatus World Cup in Melbourne (AUS)
- Name awarded: **SHIRAI 3**



PARALELL BARS

BABOS Adam (HUN)

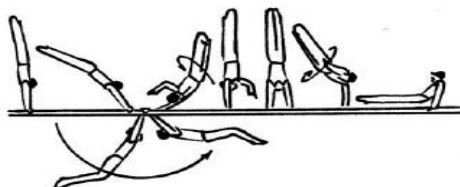
- Straddle cut backward directly to hang.
- C Value (Element I.9)
- Performed for value in the Qualifications of the 2016 World Challenge Cup in Szombathely (HUN)
- Name awarded: **BABOS**





BAUMANN Christian (SUI)

- Giant swing backward with Makuts.
- F value (Element III.42)
- Performed for value in the Qualifications of the 2017 Apparatus World Cup in Doha (QAT)
- Name awarded: **BAUMAN**



GAGNON Joel (CAN)

- Basket roll backward with tuck salto and ½ turn to upper arm hang.
- C value (Element III.123)
- Performed for value in the Qualifications of the 2016 World Challenge Cup in Szombathely (HUN)
- Name awarded: **GAGNON**



III. Elements named retroactively:

POMMEL HORSE

URZICA Marius (ROU)

- 3/3 cross support travel in flair with 1/1 Spindle inside 2 circles.
- E value (Element III.41)
- Performed for value at the 1996 Olympic Games.
- Name awarded: **URZICA 2**

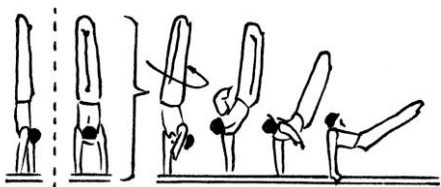




PARALELL BARS

BEJENARU Nicolae (ROU)

- From handstand on 1 rail, Healy (360° or more) to support.
- D value (Element I. 70), E value (after swing element min B) (Element I.71)
- Performed for value at the 1988 Olympic Games.
- Name awarded: **BEJENARU**



With compliments,

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